

commitment and dedication to service. In 1990, the Hartford County Medical Association not only celebrated its 200th anniversary, it elected its first female president, Katherine Ill. She was elected president because she embodies the mission of the association: "to promote and represent high quality of care; to endorse and support the highest standards of professional integrity; to work with the community and its representatives for the improvement of health for all people." These are the same qualities for which she has been selected to receive the Milton Cohen Distinguished Service Award, and why I ask my colleagues to recognize this remarkable woman, whom I am proud to call a friend.

SAFE DRINKING WATER

HON. PAT WILLIAMS

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to ensure a safe and reliable water supply system for the residents of the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana.

This legislation would authorize a reservation-wide municipal, rural, and industrial water system for the Fort Peck people living on that Reservation. This bill also provides final quantification of the water rights of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes in northeastern Montana. It also protects the rights of non-Indian water users existing since 1985, establishes a joint tribal State board to resolve disputes and allows for water marketing outside of the reservation to Montana communities.

The future needs of the reservation are expanding. The solution to this is a reservation-wide pipeline that will deliver a safe and reliable water supply system to the residents. A similar system for water distribution is currently in use on a reservation in South Dakota.

Mr. Speaker this legislation is an important step in the tribes' effort to secure and build a water system and realize the benefit of the compact the tribe negotiated in good faith with the State of Montana and the United States.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE MATYAS ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime staff member in my district office, Lucille Matyas. Lucille has been an exceptional staff member in my office. She recently retired after 11 years of exceptional service to the residents of the Third District of Illinois.

Family has always been of the utmost importance to Lucille. Lucille is the wife of the late Richard A. Matyas, Sr. Lucille and her husband had three children, George A. Matyas, Richard A. Matyas, and Victoria A. Smith. She has two grandchildren, Richard and Reanna Matyas. While raising her three children, Lucille was involved in local activities and charities. In the past she has devoted her time to such groups as Clear Ridge Baseball,

St. Rene Mother's Club, Girl Scouts, De La Salle High School Parent's Club, and the Maria High School Mother's Club. Lucille's dedication to these and other groups led to her involvement with politics on a local level. Lucille was a member of the 23d Ward Democratic Women's Organization as well as the Chicago Democratic Women's Organization. The VFW Women's Auxiliary and St. Rene's Alter and Rosary Society have also received the benefit of support and volunteer time from Lucille.

Like a true Chicagoan, Lucille enjoys watching all Chicago sports teams and counts herself as one of the biggest Bulls fans in Chicago. Lucille enjoys spending time with her family and friends. In her spare time Lucille plays bingo, is an avid reader of books, collects dolls with her daughter, and devotes quality time with her two grandchildren. Clearly, Lucille lives a life rich in experience and goodwill.

Lucille has a great many plans for after her retirement, these include enjoying life, spending time with her grandchildren and visiting with friends and family. Additionally, Lucille plans on traveling and sightseeing around the United States. Finally Lucille will volunteer her spare time at local charities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lucille Matyas for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens of the Third District and to her family. With the combination of dedication to her community and family, Lucille is an inspiration and example to all. I will surely miss seeing her in my district office in Illinois. Lucille has truly been a joy to work with and her hard work and positive attitude have served my district well. I wish Lucille good luck in all of life's adventures.

INTERNATIONAL WELSHERS

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit to you an editorial from the New Canaan Advertiser regarding the United States' debt to the United Nations and one Connecticut community's attempt to repay it.

INTERNATIONAL WELSHERS

Detractors of the United Nations probably applaud the failure of the United States to get current on its dues for membership in that global association.

But if isolationism and a disdain for foreign influences on our sovereignty are to be perceived as some sort of super-patriotism, then it would seem incumbent on American flag-wavers also to rid us of our unenviable reputation as international welshers.

Like it or not, it is true the United States had agreed to a treaty that stipulated the level of dues we'd have to pay as a member of this "family of nations." Alas, we are more than a billion dollars in arrears and Congress seems loathe to make up the shortfall.

Of course, it is inherently true that despite the delinquency, the United States contributes more to support the UN than any other country in the world. That does not, however, alter the fact that we also owe more in unpaid dues than any other country. Americans, even those who don't subscribe to participation in the UN, ought to be embar-

rassed by the "deadbeat" status of their country.

Unlikely as it may seem for a small Connecticut community to assume a role in an international drama, a group in New Canaan has undertaken a unique attempt to ease that national embarrassment. Taking its cue from John Whitehead, a former member of the Reagan cabinet, the citizen initiative here is expressing indignation over the fact that this nation is shirking an obligation that it knowingly incurred by treaty. That, not necessarily the worthiness of the United Nations, is the heart and soul of the symbolic protest here.

Mr. Whitehead had calculated that if each American sent in a check for \$4.40, the United States' debt to the UN would be paid off. So more than 220 people in New Canaan have done that and are urging others to join them.

Of course, it won't really happen. Even in New Canaan, where the issue is viewed so passionately by so many, less than \$1000 has been sent in. That's a far cry from a billion dollars, even if the effort is copied in other communities across the nation, but the message it sends is far more powerful than the cash value.

It says pointedly that we are ashamed that our country has failed to meet responsibilities it agreed to assume. It emphasizes that we want to project a more positive international image and that our status as welshers impairs our standing among nations. It tells Congress that we ought to pay what we owe and then, if it's really all that painful and we don't want to get caught in that kind of bind again, maybe we ought to see about renegotiating that treaty.

Citizens joining the symbolic protest here are sending their "dues money" to Pay Our UN Debt, P.O. Box 1002, New Canaan 86840. Each \$4.40 check turns up the volume on that message. Maybe Congress will finally hear it.

COMMUNITY ON-LINE ACT

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing the Community On-Line Act, legislation which would provide schools, libraries, and community centers across the country with the capability to use new technology to its fullest potential.

Today, we have the amazing ability to access vital information and important news stories from the computer. Teachers can show their students maps and information about foreign countries, encyclopedias, biographical information about famous people, and thousands and thousands of other important resources. The opportunities for learning are endless.

However, many schools throughout the country cannot access the Internet, have obsolete computers, lack the necessary funding to install new computers, or don't have the resources to train teachers. This is unacceptable in this day and age. We can build bombs that do back-flips but we can't provide access to the latest technology for most Americans.

It is vital that the Federal Government get involved. Failure to upgrade technology and train educators in our Nation's schools will result in a poorly educated work force because students will not have the skills to become computer literate. A skilled work force is absolutely essential to maintain our country's competitiveness.